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**COMMENTS:**

The applicant appreciates the courtesy extended by the Examiner in agreeing to a telephonic interview scheduled for February 14th, 2003 at 10:00 am. The following are the amendments to the claims that the Applicant wishes to discuss with the Examiner at that time.

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/815,472  
Filing Date: March 3, 2001  
Applicant: David A. Goodmanson  
Group Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: Lien Tran  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS  
REWORK FERMENTATION

Attorney Docket: 8893-000003

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**DRAFT RESPONSE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 23-26 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.